

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 349
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mr. John Laurens
Tullock of Knoxville on his outstanding
contributions to Knox County and to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary individuals who have had made a significant impact on their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, John Laurens Tullock is one such remarkable individual who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, John Tullock exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tullock graduated magna cum laude from Belmont University in 1975 with a bachelor of arts degree; and

WHEREAS, he then entered law school at the University of Tennessee and graduated in 1978; and

WHEREAS, John Tullock furthered his legal education by earning his Masters of Law in Taxation in 1985 from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, John Tullock proudly served his nation as a Captain in the United States Air Force in Washington D.C., supervising other attorneys and staff; and

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WHEREAS, he began his illustrious legal career as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and later served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe appointed John Tullock to serve as Director of Knoxville's Department of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, under his sagacious leadership, the Knoxville Department of Community Development has been named one of the twenty best managed community development agencies by the Urban Institute; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mayor Ashe assigned the important task of reorganizing the Knoxville Public Service Department to John Tullock, and he served astutely as Director of the Department of Public Services during the reorganization process; and

WHEREAS, because of John Tullock's peerless performance and acumen, the Knoxville Public Service Department was named the best public works department in Tennessee, and in 1993, John returned to the Department of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious tenure, John Tullock has been responsible for the seven-mile Waterfront Master Plan, the partnership with the Downtown Organization on the Next Big Steps Plan and the completion of the Downtown Plan; and

WHEREAS, he has also played a key role with the Partnership for Neighborhood Improvement in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1997, John Tullock will leave Knoxville Government and begin the development of a privately funded foundation that will focus on making Knoxville a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, John Tullock is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his beloved wife, Polly Ailor Tullock; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize the accomplishments of this outstanding gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-
HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend John Laurens Tullock on the outstanding
contributions he has made to the good people of Knoxville and Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.